



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

USAMI, Tatsuya

Serial No.: 09/627,418

Group Art Unit: 2826

Filed: July 27, 2000

Examiner: Quach, T.

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE
SAME

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, and prior to evaluation on the merits under concurrently-filed RCE, please amend the above-identified application as follows: